

IN THE CLAIMS:

1-2. **(Cancelled).**

3. **(Currently Amended)** A molded shell for use as a helmet which comprises:

an inner layer which comprises a fiber-reinforced plastic material,

an outer layer which comprises a fiber-reinforced plastic material, and

an integral intermediate layer located between portions of said inner and outer layers, said intermediate layer comprising first, second and third layers of non-woven fabric and synthetic resin, and a molded net member located between said first and second layers, said molded net member comprising strands of a thermosetting or thermoplastic resin which are arranged to define square openings[,] having sides between 2 and 45 mm in length, said strands having diameters of between 0.1 and 4 mm, and said first, second and third layers and said molded net member being bonded together [and] with resins from said first and second layers filling the openings of said net member so that said net member resists bending of said molded shell and improves shock resistance.

4. **(Previously Presented)** A molded laminate shell according to claim 3, wherein said molded net member is made of a thermosetting resin.

5. **(Previously Presented)** A molded laminate shell according to claim 3, wherein said molded net member is made of a thermoplastic resin.

6. **(New)** A molded laminate shell according to claim 3, wherein said molded net member includes protrusions on opposite sides thereof that extend into the first and second layers.

7. **(New)** A moulded laminate shell according to claim 3, including another molded net member located between said second and third layers.